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DRAFT CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE

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1. LIKE USMISSION GENEVA, USUN HAS ALSO BEEN TRYING TO FIND OUT
WHAT THE SWEDES ARE DOING TO PREPARE A DRAFT PROPOSAL ON THE
TORTURE CONVENTION (REFTEL). THIS IS WHAT WE GATHERED TO DATE,
EVEN THOUGH IT DOES NOT QUITE GIDE WITH WHAT GENEVA HAS PICKED
UP.

2. AUSTRALIAN REP HER (CHRISTOPHER LAMB) TOLD US MISOFF
THAT HE HAD SUGGESTED TO JOHAN NORDENFELD (WHO WILL BE THE
SWEDISH NUMBER TWO PERSON AT THE HRC MEETING IN GENEVA, NOW ON
SICK LEAVE IN DENMARK)
THAT THE SWEDES CALLED A MEETING OF LIKE-MINDEDS IN STOCKHOLM
A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE CONVENING OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS CONVENTION
(HRC) IN GENEVA TO WORK ON THE SWEDISH DRAFT. SWEDISH MISOFF
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(OLANDER) CONVERING FOR NORDENFELD SAYS MFA OFFICIAL (LARSEN)
TOLD HIM IDEA WAS IMPRACTICAL.

3. IN RESPONSE TO SEVERAL INQUIRES BY MISOFF, OLANDER
INQUIRED TO STOCKHOLM AND REPORTED THAT THE SWEDES HAVE A
DRAFT UNDER CONSIDERATION THAT HAD BEEN APPROVED BY THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND IS NOW UNDER CONSIDERA-

TION IN THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE. OLANDER SAYS BASIC DRAFT WAS PREPARED BY KUNIJU SHIBAHARA OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION STAFF IN GENEVA, AND SUGGESTED THAT HRD MIGHT ALSO FURNISH US A COPY IF APPROACHED DISCREETLY.

4. USUN HAS SUGGESTED TO SWEDES AND AUSTRALIANS THAT AN INFORMAL MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL THE NATIONS MEMBER OF THE HRC IN JANUARY IN NYC, AND PERHAPS ALSO IN GENEVA, MIGHT BE USEFUL TO EXPLORE THE TEXT, AND SPEED UP THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION. BOTH SEEMED AMENABLE TO THE SUGGESTION. USUN'S EXPERIENCE DURING RECENT THIRD COMMITTEE SESSIONS INDICATES THAT IT IS BETTER TO TALK TO EVERYONE THAN TO SEEK A LIKE-MINDED (USUALLY WESTERN) GROUP. USUN IS CONCERNED WITH DOING AS MUCH PREPARATORY WORK AS POSSIBLE BEFORE THE GENEVA MEETINGS, AND SINCE THERE ARE A GOOD MANY DELEGATES WHO WILL BE AT THE HRC MEETING EITHER STATIONED IN GENEVA OR NYC, IT SEEMS REASONABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEIR PRESENCE FOR CONSULTATIONS.

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